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July 8, 2017

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, July 17 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

Topic: Issues Expected in the Upcoming Year

The Board will discuss issues, challenges and opportunities affecting the Upcounty region of Montgomery County (the Shady Grove area and north to the Frederick County line). They will also start to prepare comments that will be shared with State legislators representing our region in Annapolis (Districts 14, 15, 17 and 39).

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Identifies Priorities for Capital Budget

At a recent community forum, the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) met to prioritize needs for the Upcounty region (the Shady Grove area and north to the Frederick County Line). The Board hosts the forum every other year on behalf of the County Executive to solicit comments and ideas from residents and businesses in the region that are then considered by the Executive as he develops his six-year "Recommended Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2019-2024." After hearing residents' comments and after considering their own discussions from the previous year, the Board identified the following four projects that they think are priorities for our area of the county. They are listed in priority order:

1. Build a vocational technical school in the Upcounty region;
2. Build the Mid-County Highway (M-83);
3. Build alternatives to M-83, including accelerating the Bus Rapid Transit for Rt. 355 that incorporates the Corridor Cities Transitway, and improvements to State roads including the widening of MD Rt. 355 north of the intersection of Ride Road and Father Hurley Boulevard; and
4. Add the Sixth District Police Station back in the upcoming CIP.

Some other projects raised by Board members but not forwarded to the Executive at this time were a new fire station in the northern area of Montgomery Village, maintaining the schedule for widening Goshen Road, constructing more baseball and soccer fields in the Upcounty, improving intersections in the Laytonsville area, and maintaining the schedule for the new Seneca Crossing Park

County Executive Leggett will consider these recommendations when he develops his complete CIP which will be forwarded to the County Council in mid-January. The Council will approve both the CIP and the Operating Budget next spring.

To learn more about Montgomery County's budget process, visit the Office of Management and Budget's website <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb>.

Public Hearing: Special Appropriation for Public Arts Trust

Tuesday, July 18 1:30pm
Council Office Building, 3rd Floor Hearing Room
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

The Montgomery County Council will hold a public hearing on a special appropriation to the County Government's Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Budget and amendment to the Fiscal Years 2017-22 for the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for **Arts and Humanities**. The appropriation would provide \$50,000 for additional funding for the Public Arts Trust. The source is current revenue. Call 240-777-7910 to obtain copies of the appropriation resolution and background information or go to <http://tinyurl.com/yavrf8l>.

The meeting will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM). The channel can be viewed on Cable Channels 996 (high definition) and 6 (standard definition) on Comcast; Channels 1056 (HD) and 6 (SD) on RCN; and Channel 30 on Verizon. It also will be available live via streaming through the Council website at <http://tinyurl.com/z9982v8>.

Those interested in testifying at the public hearing can sign up online at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/PHSignUp.html> or by calling 240-777-7803. **The deadline to sign up is 5:00pm on Monday, July 17.**



28th Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale 2017

Support local farms this year during the 28th Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale!

See the brochure <http://ow.ly/STDk30cC951>

All 17 farms will be open [Saturday July 22, 2017](#) and 13 of them will reopen on [Sunday July 23, 2017](#) as well. Several farms have hayrides, pony rides, music, demonstrations and other fun activities planned. Purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants and more. Spend a day or two in the country petting farm animals or having lunch by a scenic pond. It's an educational experience and a great family day outing. Download brochure.

PLEASE CHECK EACH FARM FOR THEIR HOURS OF OPERATION.

A Reminder!

New Entrances & Safety Measures at Council Office Building

On July 5, 2017, the Council Office Building, which is located at 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville, put new security measures in place for your safety. For more information watch the [Council Office Building Security Video](#). [Para más información vea el siguiente video.](#) [Click here for Press Release](#)



Leggett Moves County Toward Energy Independence

This week, County and State officials celebrated the completion of the largest solar project at a County facility to date and it is located at the County's Correctional Facility. Solar and other advanced energy technologies on County facilities provide energy independence, environmental protection, and cost savings. With these solar projects, the County expects to save \$15 million in electric bills during the next 20 years while achieving significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Another Reminder! . . .

Montgomery County Council seeks applicants for re-established Airpark Liaison Committee

Application deadline is 5:00pm on Wednesday, July 19

The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants to fill positions on the Montgomery County Airpark Liaison Committee. The Council authorized the re-establishment of the committee on June 13. The committee was established to provide a forum for increased communication among interested groups and individuals concerned with the operations of the Montgomery County Airpark.

Applicants are being sought for the following seats on the committee:

- Seven residential neighborhood representatives: two from Montgomery Village East and five from other neighborhoods surrounding the Airpark.
- Two business representatives: one from inside the Airpark and one from outside the Airpark.
- One Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board representative.
- Two Airpark users.

In addition, the Council will appoint two Montgomery County Revenue Authority representatives, including the designated Airpark manager, and one representative from each of the following: the Montgomery County Executive, the County Council, the County Planning Department and an Airpark lease holder.

Letters of application expressing interest, including a resume listing professional and civic experience, should be addressed to: Council President Roger Berliner, County Council Office, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Applications also can be submitted via email to county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov

Applications must be received no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday, July 19. It is the Council's policy not to consider applications received after the deadline. The Council will review the letters of application and resumes, and anticipates making the appointments in July.

Letters of application and resumes are made public as part of the appointment process, and are available for public review.

Excavation Blasting for the MD 355/Rockville Pike Crossing Project at the Medical Center Metro Station

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This is an advance notice about blasting related to the Crossing Project at the Medical Center Metro Station that is currently anticipated to begin the week of July 17. The first test blast will take place on or about Monday, July 17, weather permitting.

- **TEST BLASTS:** Controlled test blasts will begin the week of July 17, weather permitting. There will be three test blasts, one blast per day. We anticipate test blasts to take place between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM. Specific test blast dates are not yet confirmed.
- **LONG-TERM BLASTING SCHEDULE:** When the tests have been concluded, blasting through mid-2018 will occur up to 4-5 times per week (2-3 per week for the elevator shaft, 4-5 per week for the underground tunnel connecting the elevator to the Metrorail mezzanine).
- **NO RUSH HOUR BLASTING:** Blasting won't occur during peak traffic hours (between 5:30 and 9:30 AM, and 3:30 and 7:30 PM), but could take place during non-peak hours in the daytime or during overnight hours. Advance notice of nighttime blasting will be provided.
- **NO WEEKEND BLASTING PLANNED:** No weekend blasting is currently planned, but may be necessary under special circumstances. Advance notice of weekend blasting will be provided if necessary.
- **MINIMAL VIBRATIONS:** Very minimal ground vibrations may be felt by some persons.
- **TRAFFIC CLOSURES FOR BLASTING:** It is anticipated that intermittent traffic closures will only be necessary for the initial 4-5 weeks of blasting. The need for further traffic closures will be closely monitored during this 4-5 week period. Advance notice will be provided if it is necessary to continue the traffic closures beyond the 4-5 week period following the start of blasting.
- **BLAST WARNING HORNS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL:**
 - There will be 5 long signals 5 minutes before the blast, and 10 short signals 1 minute before the blast.
 - It is anticipated that only individuals in the project vicinity will hear blast warning horns.
 - 5-10 minutes prior to blast, vehicle and pedestrian traffic will be stopped along Rockville Pike, between Jones Bridge Road and South Wood Drive (Navy Gate #2).
 - An "All Clear" short horn signal will sound after blasting.
 - 1 minute after blast, normal traffic resumes.

This blasting is part of the ongoing construction of the Crossing Project at the Medical Center Metro Station, which will establish a shallow pedestrian underpass between NIH and Walter Reed, and deep elevators on the Navy side of MD 355 to the Metrorail mezzanine. Construction of the Crossing Project is anticipated through mid-2021.

The area of Rockville Pike near the Medical Center Metro Station, NIH and Walter Reed is a construction zone. Please pay attention to all signs, and drive, walk or bike carefully through the area.

'Montgomery Arts Infusion' July episode features a jazz encounter with Michael Bailey, the local art of Joseph Craig English and the recipe to preserve dinner theaters

A collaborate effort of County's PEG stations focuses on arts and entertainment in Montgomery County

Montgomery Arts Infusion (MAI), a monthly 15-minute show focusing on the arts and entertainment of Montgomery County—with in-depth stories of the people behind the arts—debuted its second edition this week on the cable stations that compose the County's PEG (Public/Education/Government) network. This edition features Michael Bailey and his passion for jazz, the determination of Washington Grove artist Joseph Craig English to preserve Montgomery County history through his works and the efforts to keep alive the flickering stage lights of dinner theater. Sportscaster/actor Johnny Holliday joins the show to talk about the importance of dinner theaters in his career.

MAI is a collaborate effort of the County's PEG network that includes County Cable Montgomery (CCM—County Government); MCM (Montgomery Community Media—public access); MCTV (Montgomery College); MCPS TV (Montgomery County Public Schools); Rockville 11 (the City of Rockville) and Takoma Park TV (the City of Takoma Park). CCM and MCM are leading the project.

For more about this and other programs, see the press release at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21246

County Introduces New Online Survey Tool to Measure Internet Speed

County Executive Ike Leggett and Council Vice President Hans Riemer recently announced the launch of a new Web-based civic engagement tool, CheckSpeedMontgomery.com, and urge residents to take the survey. With the introduction of this website, the County hopes to learn about the quality of internet service received by residents and businesses. CheckSpeedMontgomery.com tests internet speed; collects and shares user-generated information about broadband service rates, quality, and customer satisfaction. The data gathered from this website will help the County better understand where residents and businesses access high-quality internet service and where service may need improvement.

The County expects to leverage this information to partner with non-governmental sectors, including the County's commercial telecommunications infrastructure and services providers, to improve services throughout the County. Results of the survey will be discussed in public forums and in meetings with cellular carriers, cable franchisees, and right-of-way operators to foster a participative and collaborative approach to achieving improvements in the coming months.

Residents can visit CheckSpeedMontgomery.com from most devices to take the free survey. The data provided will be available publicly through the site and later at data.montgomerycountymd.gov.

This test does not collect browsing information such as web searches. Using an interactive map, survey data will be available for download. The survey will look at results by area not by individual so there will be no loss of privacy. In planning improvements, the County and service providers will want to know how constituents are currently using broadband and what deficiencies they may be experiencing.

CheckSpeedMontgomery.com was developed through a partnership between PowerUp Labs and the Department of Technology Services, and the survey is available in several languages spoken in the County.

For more information about this new, online survey and how you can participate, visit CheckSpeedMontgomery.com.

Did You Know That? . . .

Agriculture contributes \$287 million to the county's economy. Montgomery County has an Agricultural Reserve that consists of 93,000 acres, and over 70,000 acres of it are preserved thus far. To learn more about it, visit <http://montgomerycountymd.gov/agservices> or **MoCoOAG @MoCoOAG**



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Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>